THANKSGIVINGS AFTER THE COMMUNION OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

COMPILED FROM ANCIENT AND MODERN SOURCES BY A LAYMAN OF THE AMERICAN CHURCH

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INTRODUCTION.

THIS COLLECTION of Eucharistic Thanksgivings is, it is believed, unusual, if not unique.

It is the work of a layman of the Church, who, in the intervals of business cares and toils, has gathered together, from all the ages of Christendom, these outpourings of the supreme devotion of the Christian heart. As this makes no pretence of being the work of a professional theologian or scholar, these translations and quotations have not been verified by comparison with originals or authors. The compiler has printed them, relying for their correctness on the reputation of the learned men in whose books they have been found. A list of these secondary authorities is furnished to the reader.

As one incidental object of this collection is to exhibit the mind, towards the blessed Sacrament, of various parts of the Church, it has not been deemed expedient so to modify in some instances the language as to conform it more closely to ordinary Anglican modes of thought and speech. For it is believed by those concerned in the preparation of this book, that it contains nothing of which the Anglo-Catholic Church does not allow.

In thus bringing forth, out of the Church's treasures, "things new and old" great pains have been taken to avoid devotions of the sickly, sentimental type. The prayers found here will hardly seem forced or unreal to the manliest mind, for careful regard has been paid to that "sober standard of feeling," which, as Keble so well says, "it is the happiness of the Church of England to possess."

The chief motive of this book is purely a devotional one. It was conceived of, in the first place, in a sense of the want of more abundant devotional material than is generally within one's reach, of a suitable character for use at home on one's Communion day, and the days immediately succeeding.

With this in view, many aspirations, and affections, and kindred expressions of the intenser fervour natural in church, at the very time of receiving the blessed Sacrament, have been excluded, and prayers selected, which, suitable for use in calmer moments, may prolong and deepen the effects and impressions of Communion.

One of the most powerful causes of unfruitful Communions, and a cause to which comparatively little heed is paid, is doubtless the neglect of thanksgiving. Many prepare well and approach the altar worthily, who never return to give glory to God, and our Lord must keep on repeating his mournful question, "Where are the nine?" There is profound truth in the words of the priest at the delivery of the Sacrament, "Feed on him in thy heart by faith, with thanksgiving," and "Drink this. . . . . and be thankful."

Too many attempt to feed on Christ and drink his Blood by faith without thanksgiving, and so faith becomes feeble. Without thanksgiving we can be but imperfectly nourished by the Bread of Life, and for this cause no doubt, many are, spiritually speaking, weak and sickly, and perhaps many sleep.

Thanksgiving is one of the most sublime expressions of a creature. It is the occu-

pation of the angels and saints in glory everlasting. It is for eternity. In heaven our confessions of sin will be said no more. But we shall give thanks forever. Thanksgiving is the native breath of sons and of creatures. It is the spontaneous tribute, which the possessors of the fulness of life, pay, in the rapture of its possession, to the Life himself. The remains, in our fallen nature, of this instinct of the perfect life we trace, in that sense, at certain happy moments, of the joy of being alive.

To be a giver of thanks then, is to bear the image of the heavenly. But we are far from bearing that image distinctly, for the habit of the giving of thanks is one of the most difficult parts of the Christian character to acquire. Our blessed Lord Incarnate, the Second Adam, the Reformer of our nature, alone can restore it to us, as he does, in making us true sons and perfect creatures. The spirit of thanksgiving is a supernatural endowment. It must be so, because "in everything" the member of Christ is to give thanks. Christ himself is the power of thanksgiving in us. And as the blessed Sacrament is pre-eminently the mystery of Christ's power and presence, it is the ministration to us of the principle and faculty of giving thanks. Its very name declares it, viz.: The Holy Eucharist, i.e., The Holy Sacrifice of Thanksgiving. In its celebration, we feel the pressure of the unearthly sentiment of that supernatural order into which it lifts us. There, we feel the thrill and the throb, the burst of gladness, and the voice of melody, in which earth is caught up, and the rainbows of heaven blossom through our tears,

as faith speaks in the language of sight, that "it is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places give thanks" unto our Holy Father, our Almighty and Everlasting God. In the Communion of Christ's Body, we feed upon him by faith with thanksgiving, and the chalice is the cup of thanksgiving. The entire Eucharistic office is the voice of thanksgiving. And it is so, because it is the expression of the joy of Christ himself. The joy of our Lord pervades his mystical Body. And in the performance of the Sacred Liturgy each member of Christ shares in that all-pervading joy. But he must aim to share in it in other ways beside joining in the spoken words and outward acts of that joy. Unless he make, over and above the corporate thanksgiving, individual, secret acts of thanksgiving, the homage of his own will and affections, he is not likely to make that joy his own, to enter into it, and appropriate it.

The altar is the school of heavenly-mindedness, because, for one thing, it is the school of thanksgiving. Behold in these pages, how the saints and people of God have felt their hearts burn within them, because they realized that Jesus their Lord and God went in at their Communion to abide with them.* And realizing it, they talked with him and he with them. And to give thanks after Communion is just that—to realize that Jesus is abiding with us, and to converse with him. So may

* The names introduced in the decoration on the title-page are those of bishops, priests and doctors of the Catholic Church who have had special devotion to the blessed Sacrament.

it be with all to whom these words may come, as a holy priest of God imagined our dear Lord saying,* "When thou leavest the altar, return to me, that thou mayest hear me, for I have the words of Eternal Life; and taste and see that I am gracious, that thy heart may burn within thee, while I speak unto thee, ... nor leave thou me till by thy blessings, thou bring down blessings from me."

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St. Mark's Day, Eastertide, A.D., 1896.

* Arvisinet: Memoriale Vitæ Sacerdotalis.

PART I. THANKSGIVINGS AFTER HOLY COMMUNION, FROM ANCIENT LITURGIES.

Thanksgivings after the Communion of the Body and Blood of Christ

Compiled from ancient and modern sources by a layman of the American Church

I. FROM THE SYNOPSIS OF THE HOLY EASTERN CHURCH. i.

THANK thee, O Lord my God, that thou hast not rejected me, a sinner, but hast permitted me to become a partaker of thy holy Mysteries. I thank thee that thou hast enabled me, an unworthy one, to receive thy pure and heavenly Gifts.

But thou, O Lord, most merciful, who didst die for us and didst rise again, and hast bestowed upon us these holy and life-giving Mysteries to the benefit and sanctification of our souls and bodies; grant that they may operate in me to the healing of my soul and body, to the overthrow of every evil thing, to the enlightenment of my heart, to the peace of my spiritual faculties, to invincible faith, to sincere love, to increase of wisdom, to the keeping of thy commandments, to growth in grace and to the inheritance of thy kingdom, that, preserved by them in thy sanctification I may ever call to mind thy grace, and live, not unto myself, but unto thee, our Lord and Benefactor.

And thus, when this life shall have passed away in the hope of life eternal, may I attain unto everlasting rest, where the hymn of them that glorify thee is unceasing, and infinite the sweetness of them that behold the unspeakable goodness of thy face.

For thou art the true desire and inexpressible joy of them that love thee, O Christ our God, and all creation glorifies thee to all eternity. Amen.

I. ii.

MAY thy holy Body, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, be for eternal life unto me, and thy precious Blood to the remission of sins; and may this Eucharist be to my joy, health and gladness. And at thy terrible second coming grant that I, a sinner, may stand at the right hand of thy glory, through the prayers of thy most pure Mother, and of all the saints.

II. COPTIC LITURGY OF S. CYRIL.

WHAT blessing, or what praise, or what thanksgiving, can we render unto thee, O God, the lover of men, for that when we were cast away by the doom of death, and drowned in the depth of sin, thou hast granted us freedom, and bestowed on us this immortal and heavenly food, and manifested to us this Mystery, hid from ages and from generations?

Grant us to understand this thy supreme act of mercy, and the greatness of thy benignity and fatherly care for us.

III. COPTIC LITURGY OF S. BASIL.

OUR mouths are filled with joy and our tongues with exultation, because we are made partakers, O Lord, of thine immortal Sacrament; because the things which eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man to conceive, thou hast revealed to those that love thy Name, and to the little ones of thy holy Church.

Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in thy sight: for thou art merciful; and to thee we ascribe glory, honour, and adoration, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, now and ever, and to all ages. Amen.

IV. COPTIC LITURGY OF S. GREGORY. i.

WE thank thee, O Lord our God, the true Word, who art from the unblemished essence of the Father,
For that thou hast loved us in this wise, and that thou gavest thyself a sacrifice for our redemption;
For that thou hast granted us life from thy holy Body and thy precious Blood;
Us, whom thou hast now made worthy to partake of them.
Therefore do we confess thee, O God, lover of thy creature, and we send up to thee glory and honour and worship with Thy good Father, and the Holy Ghost. Now and ever. Amen.

IV. ii.

WE give thanks to thee, O our holy Father, the Creator of us all, the Ruler of all things,
For having given us of this holy and immortal Food, which is in a Mystery; For having opened to us the way into life;
For having shown us the way to walk upward to the heavens;
For having granted us, thy servants, this abundance of good things;
For thou art the good Lord, who lovest man; keep the gift of thy grace to us not for judgment, nor for condemnation;
But for the enjoyment of glory and for the begetting of life; for the support of the soul; and for the purity of the body. That we may live in thee, and that we may dwell in thee, and that we may fulfil truth at all times, and that thy holy Name be glorified over us, for thou art our God, to whom belongs glory, with thine only-begotten Son,

and with the Holy Ghost, the Giver of Life, and of one essence with thee.

IV. iii.

THOU who hast gotten us to thyself through thy precious Blood, Look down upon us all, O Lord, from thy holy heaven, and from thy settled resting place.

Bless thy servants with every spiritual blessing; keep us under thy powerful hand, and establish us in thine own grace.

Grant us also the cleansing of our souls, of our bodies and of our spirits.

And give us to be perfect Christians, doing thy good pleasure before thee.

For thy kingdom is pure, and full of glory, which we all hope to reach.

And thou art he to whom we send up glory and honour and power, with thy good Father and the Holy Ghost, the Giver of Life and of one essence with thee. Now and ever, world without end. Amen.

V. ETHIOPIC LITURGY.

HEAD us not into temptation, since we have been partakers of the holy Body and precious Blood. And we thank thee that thou hast made us meet communicants of the Mystery of glory and holiness which passeth all understanding.

VI. LITURGY OF DISCORUS.

LIGHT of Light, and God of God, who didst bow thy holy heavens, and descend to earth for the salvation of the world, out of thy love of man; extend thine almighty right hand, and send out thy blessings on us all. Hallow our bodies and souls by this Sacrifice which we have received, and guide our steps into the paths

of righteousness, that we may behave ourselves according to thy will, and observe thy commandments, and do them all the days of our life, and come to a blessed end, and sing a ceaseless hymn with thy saints to Thee, and thy Father, and thy Holy Spirit. Amen.

VII. LITURGY OF S. MARK.

MIGHTY King, and co-sharer of thy Father's rule, who didst by thy might spoil hell, and trample on death, and didst bind the strong man, and didst raise Adam from the tomb, by thy godlike might, and by the illuminative splendour of thine ineffable Godhead; do thou, O Lord, by the participation of thy spotless Body and precious Blood, send forth thine invisible right hand, that is full of blessings, and bless us all; pity and strengthen by thy divine power, and destroy in us the vicious and sinful working of fleshly lust: enlighten the eyes of our souls from the darkness of sin that lies around them; unite us to the all-blessed company that is well pleasing to thee: for through thee and with thee, to the Father and the Holy Ghost every hymn is due, honour, might, adoration and giving of thanks, now and ever and to ages of ages. Amen.

VIII. LITURGY OF S. JAMES. i.

FROM glory to glory advancing, we hymn thee, the Saviour of our souls. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

We hymn thee, the Saviour of our souls. From might to might advancing, and having accomplished all the Divine Liturgy in thy temple, we now also pray thee,

vouchsafe to us thy full mercy; rightly divide our paths, root us in thy fear, and count us worthy of thy heavenly kingdom, in Christ Jesus our Lord; with whom, together with thine all holy, and good, and life-giving Spirit, thou art blessed now and for evermore. Amen.

VIII. ii.

O GOD, who of thy deep and ineffable love to man hast condescended to the weakness of thy servants, and made us partakers of this heavenly table; condemn not us sinners after the reception of thy spotless Mysteries, but guard us, of thy goodness, in the sanctification of the Holy Spirit; that being made holy, we may find our portion and inheritance with all the saints who have pleased thee from the beginning, in the light of thy countenance, through the mercies of thine only-begotten Son our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

VIII. iii.

THOU hast given us, O Lord, sanctification by the Communion of the most holy Body and precious Blood of thine only-begotten Son; grant us the grace and gift of thy Holy Spirit, and keep us unreproved in life, and lead us on to the perfect adoption and redemption, and the eternal joys to come.

VIII. iv.

WE give thee thanks, Christ our God, that thou hast vouchsafed to make us partakers of thy Body and Blood, for the remission of sins and eternal life.

Keep us, we beseech thee, without condem-

nation, because thou art good, and the lover of men.

IX. LITURGY OF S. BASIL. i.

THE Mystery of thy dispensation, O Christ our God, is accomplished and perfected, so far as lies in our power. For we have the memorial of thy death, we have seen the figure of thy resurrection, we have been filled with thine unending life, we have enjoyed thine inexhaustible pleasure; of which vouchsafe to count us all worthy in the world to come. Through the grace of thine Eternal Father, and thy holy and good, and quickening Spirit, now and ever, and to ages of ages. Amen.

IX. ii.

WE give thanks to thee, O Lord our God, for the reception of thy holy, spotless, immortal, and heavenly Mysteries, which thou hast given us for the benefit, and sanctification and healing of our souls and bodies. Thyself, O Master of all things, grant that the Communion of the holy Body and Blood of thy Christ may be to us unto faith that maketh not ashamed, unto love unfeigned, unto fulness of wisdom, unto healing of soul and body, unto defeat of every foe, unto fulfilment of thy commandments, unto an acceptable plea at the terrible judgment-seat of thy Christ.

X. LITURGY OF S. CHRYSOSTOM. i.

LET our mouth be filled with thy praise, O Lord, that we may sing of thy glory, for that thou hast vouchsafed to make us partakers of thy holy, divine, immortal and life-giving Mysteries: preserve us by thy holiness all our days

that we may learn thy righteousness. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

X. ii.

WE give thee thanks, O Master, Lover of Men and Benefactor of our souls, that thou hast (this day) counted us worthy of thy heavenly and immortal Mysteries. Rightly direct our path, confirm us all in thy fear, guard our life, make safe our goings, through the prayers and supplications of the glorious Mother of God and ever-Virgin Mary and all thy saints. For thou art our sanctification, and we ascribe glory to thee, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, now, and ever, and to ages of ages. Amen.

X. iii.

THOU, O Christ, our God, who art thyself the fulness of the Law and of the Prophets, who didst fulfil all the dispensation of thy Father; fill our hearts with joy and gladness, always, now, and ever, and to ages of ages. Amen.

X. iv.

O LORD, who blessest them that bless thee, and sanctifiest them that trust in thee, save thy people, and bless thine inheritance, and keep thy household the Church under thy continual protection. Sanctify them that love the beauty of thy house; reward them with glory, by thy divine power; and forsake not them, O God, that hope in thee. Give to the sick thine aid, healing, and comfort. Preserve all that travel by land or by water. Send us moderate weather, and bless the fruits of the earth. Keep in peace the world, the Church, kings, priests and all thy people; grant rest

to the departed; and remember for good those who have offered thee Gifts, and for whom they have offered them. Save those who are any ways afflicted or distressed, and grant us all thy heavenly grace. Amen.

XI. LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED.

WE give thanks unto thee, O God, the Saviour of all, for all the good things which thou hast given us, and for the participation of the holy Body and Blood of thy Christ.

And we pray thee, Lord and Lover of Men, hide us under the covering of thy wings: and grant that, until our last breath, we may participate worthily in thy Sanctifications, to the illumination of soul and body, to the inheritance of the kingdom of heaven.

XII. ARMENIAN LITURGY. i.

WE have been filled with grace, O Lord, who have tasted thy Body and Blood.

Glory in the highest be to that Providence which always feeds us.

Send down upon us thy spiritual blessings.

Glory in the highest be unto him who provideth for us.

XII. ii.

WE render thanks unto thee, O Christ our God, who of thy goodness hast bestowed upon us this Food for the sanctification of our lives; keep us through it holy and without blame under thy divine protection; feed us in the pastures of thy holy and good pleasure, that being strengthened against all

the snares of the devil, we may be deemed worthy to hear thy holy voice, and follow thee, the one victorious and true Shepherd, and to receive from thee that place which has been prepared for us in the kingdom of heaven.

For thou, O our God and Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, art blessed with the Father and the Holy Ghost, now and for ever, and world without end. Amen.

XIII. LITURGY OF MALABAR.

GRANT, O Lord, that we which are thy soldiers here may enjoy thy peace hereafter; that the eyes which have looked upon thee in thy Sacrament of love may also behold the fruition of thy blessed hope; that the tongues which have sung thy praises may also speak the truth; that the feet which have stood in thy sanctuary may walk in the land of light; and that the bodies which have feasted on thy living Body may be restored in newness of life, to dwell with thee where thou reignest with the Father, and the Holy Ghost, in the unity of Godhead, King for evermore. Amen.

XIV. A PRAYER OF S. BASIL THE GREAT.

O CHRIST, our Lord and God, Creator and King of all the worlds, I give thee thanks for all the benefits which thou hast bestowed upon me, and most of all for the gift of thy holy and quickening Mysteries, which I have this day received. I pray thee, O loving and merciful One, keep, shelter and defend me under the shadow of thy wings, and grant me in a pure conscience, unto my last breath, to partake of thy Sacrament, for the remis-

sion of sins, and everlasting life; for thou art the Bread of Life, the Fount of holiness, the Giver of all good things; and to thee, with the Father, and the Holy Spirit, we ascribe glory, now and for evermore. Amen.

XV. PRAYER OF S. CHRYSOSTOM. (ARMENIAN LITURGY). i.

I GIVE thanks unto thee, O Christ my King, who dost vouchsafe unto me, unworthy as I am, to partake of thy holy Body and Blood. Now, O Lord, I beseech thee that this may not be unto me for condemnation, but for the cleansing and remission of my sins, and for the healing of both my soul and body, and for the performance of every good work; that it may sanctify both my body and soul, and make me the dwelling of thy most holy Trinity, so that with thy saints I may be deemed worthy to glorify thee, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever, and world without end. Amen.

XV. ii.

I GIVE thanks unto thee, I magnify and glorify thee, O Lord my God, inasmuch as (this day) thou hast vouchsafed me, unworthy as I am, to be partaker of the divine and awful Mysteries of thy most pure Body and Blood.

Having this for my defence, I beseech thee that every day of my life thou wouldest keep me in thy holiness; so that by commemorating thy goodness and thy bounties I may live with thee: for thou, O my Lord and God, didst suffer, die, and rise again for our sakes. Let not the enemy approach to hurt my soul which has been sealed with the sign of thy most precious Blood, and cleanse me, O Lord God, from

all my mortal sins, for thou alone art without sin.

O Lord God, protect my life from all misfortunes, drive away mine enemies, and all who would do me evil; strengthen and establish my feet, my thoughts, and my tongue, and all the ways of my body; be thou always with me according to thy most sure promise, He that eateth my flesh, and and drinketh my blood dwelleth in me and I in him. Thou hast said this, O Lover of mankind; confirm these blessed words, thy inviolable declarations, for thou, O God, art merciful, bountiful, and the lover of mankind; thou givest every good thing, and to thee belongeth glory, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, now, and for ever, world without end. Amen.

XVI. PRAYER OF S. THOMAS AQUINAS.

I RENDER thee thanks, O holy Lord, Father Almighty, eternal God, who, not for my own merits, but only out of the condescension of thy mercy, hast vouchsafed to feed me, a sinner, thy unworthy servant, with the precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ. And I pray, that this Holy Communion may not bring guilt upon me to condemnation, but may intercede for me to my pardon and salvation. Let it be to me an armour of faith, and a shield of good purpose. Let it be to me a riddance of all vices, an extermination of all evil desires and lusts; an increase of love and patience, of humility and obedience, and all virtues; a firm defence against the wiles of my enemies, visible and invisible; a perfect quieting of all my impulses, fleshly

and spiritual; a firm adherence to thee, the one true God; and a blessed consummation of my end. And I pray thee, that thou wouldest vouchsafe to bring me, a sinner, to that ineffable feast, where thou, with thy Son and the Holy Ghost, art to thy saints true light, full satisfaction, everlasting joy, and perfect happiness. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

XVII. SARUM MISSAL. i.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Saviour of souls and Redeemer of the world, in mightiest mercy look upon me thy servant, prostrate before thy divine majesty, and most graciously look upon the sacrifice of thy Body and Blood, which I have joined in offering to the honour of thy Name; for the salvation of the faithful, both living and departed; and for my sins and offences. Accept this my thanksgiving, which I now offer unto thee; remove thine anger from me; open unto me the gate of heaven; in thy power, rescue me from all evils; and in thy loving-kindness, pardon whatever I may have done of my own will, and forgive this my imperfect gratitude. So, in this life, make me to persevere in thy commandments, that I may be worthy to be united with the flock of thine elect, in thy presence, O my God, whose blessed Name, honour, and kingdom endureth for ever and ever.

XVII. ii.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Jesus Christ our Lord, be merciful unto my sins, through the Holy Communion of thy Body and Blood, for thou hast spoken, saying: Whoso eateth

my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. Wherefore I humbly beseech thee to make me a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within me; vouchsafe to stablish me with thy free Spirit, to deliver me from all the snares of the devil, and from all vices; that I may be found worthy to have a share in the joys of heaven. Who livest and reignest God, world without end. Amen.

XVII. iii.

MOREOVER, I pray, O Lord, that this Holy Communion may be to me a guide, and a provision for my journey, unto the haven of eternal salvation. May it be to me a consolation when I am troubled in thought, sweetest love in all good purpose, patience in all trouble and difficulty, medicine in all sickness. By these most holy Mysteries which I have received, grant to me right faith, firm hope, and perfect charity, renunciation of the world, purification of desire, sweetness of mind, ardent love of thee, unto due remembrance of the passion of thy beloved Son, and an inward suffering with him; so that my life may be kept full of virtues, in thy praise and in faith unfeigned; and that in the hour of my departure I may receive the grace of this great Mystery with true faith, sure hope, and sincere charity, that I may behold thee for ever. Amen.

XVIII. FROM THE LEONINE SACRAMENTARY. i.

HAVING received life by the refreshment of the most holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly beseech thee, O God, that by

this transcendent remedy thou wouldest both cleanse us from the contagion of all sins, and fortify us against the incursion of all dangers; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

XVIII. ii.

MAY the sacred feast of thy table, O Lord, always strengthen and renew us, guide and protect our weakness amid the storms of the world, and bring us into the haven of everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

XVIII. iii.

VISIT, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy family, and guard with watchful tenderness the hearts which have been hallowed by sacred Mysteries; that as by thy mercy they receive the healing Gifts of eternal salvation, they may retain them by thy protecting power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

XVIII. iv.

DEFEND, O Lord, with thy protection those whom thou satisfiest with heavenly Gifts; that being set free from all things hurtful, we may press onward with our whole heart to the salvation which cometh from thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

XVIII. v.

WE have received, O Lord, the glorious Mysteries, and pray Thee by means of them to make us partakers of things heavenly, while we are dwelling on the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

XVIII. vi.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, that the solemn reception of thy Sacrament may cleanse us from all our old sins, and change us into new creatures; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

XVIII. vii.

HEAR, O Lord, our prayers, that the Holy Communion of our redemption may both bestow on us aid for this life, and procure for us everlasting joys; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

XVIII. viii.

MAY the holy Food and Drink be salutary to us, O Lord; may it fortify our temporal life, and give us life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

XVIII. ix.

MAY thy table, O God, set us free from earthly delights, and ever supply us with celestial Food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

XIX. LEONINE (AT EASTER.)

POUR forth upon us, O Lord God, the spirit of thy love, that by thy mercy thou mayest make those of one heart and mind whom thou hast vouchsafed to feed with one heavenly Food. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, One God, world without end. Amen.

XX. GELASIAN SACRAMENTARY. i.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, preserve the works of thy mercy, and pour into our hearts the sweet-

ness of the Body and Blood of thine only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

XX. ii.

MAY the Communion of thy Sacrament, O Lord, both purify us and make us one, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

XXI. GOTHIC MISSAL. i.

DELIVER us from evil, Lord Jesus Christ! We eat thy Body which was crucified for us, and we drink thy Blood which was shed for us: may thy holy Body prove our salvation, and thy holy Blood the forgiveness of our sins, both now and for ever.

XXI. ii.

O GOD, who art eternal salvation, and inestimable blessedness, grant, we beseech thee, to all thy servants, that we who have received things holy and blessed, may be enabled to be holy and blessed evermore.

XXI. iii.

BEING fed with heavenly Food, and refreshed with the eternal Cup, let us give unceasing thanks and praise to the Lord our God, entreating that we, who have spiritually received the most holy Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, may be freed from carnal vices and be made spiritual.

XXI. iv.

O GOD of righteousness, God of mercy, God of immortality and life, God of brightness and glory, we pray and beseech thee, that being refreshed by divine Gifts, we may be preserved by thee for

thyself unto the bliss which is to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

XXII. GALLICAN MISSAL. i.

O GOD the Bread of our life, look upon us; be thou the Guardian of our bodies; be thou the Saviour of our souls.

XXII. ii.

BELIEVING that we have received from the holy altar the Body and Blood of Christ our Lord and God, let us pray to the Unity of the blessed Trinity, that it may be granted to us evermore, in fulness of faith, to hunger and thirst after righteousness; and that we, being strengthened with the grace of the saving Food, may so do his work, that we may possess the Sacrament which we have received, not for judgment, but for healing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

XXIII. MOZARABIC MISSAL. i.

O LORD my God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, make me ever to seek and love thee, and by this holy Communion which I have received never to depart from thee; for thou art God, and beside thee there is none else, for ever and ever.

XXIII. ii.

RECEIVING the Cup of the Lord's passion, and tasting the sweetness of his most holy Body, let us give thanks and praise to him, walking in his house with joy and gladness.

XXIV. AMBROSIAN MISSAL. i.

WE have received the Body of Christ, and drunk his Blood.

We will fear no evil, for the Lord is with us. May thy Blood be alway life to us, and salvation of our souls, O our God.

XXIV. ii.

LORD our God, mercifully grant that we who have received the Body and Blood of thine only-begotten Son, may be far removed from the blindness of the unfaithful disciple, seeing that we confess and worship Christ our Lord, very God and Man.

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PRESERVE in us, O Lord, the gift of thy grace; that by the power and virtue of the Eucharist which we have received, we may be fortified against all evils of this life and of the life to come.

XXVI.

O LORD, we pray Thee by thine aid to sustain those whom thou dost renew through thy holy Sacraments; and as thou dost refresh us with temporal blessings, so thou mayest feed us also with those that endure unto eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

END OF PART FIRST.

PART II. THANKSGIVINGS AFTER HOLY COMMUNION: FROM MODERN BOOKS OF DEVOTION, SOMETIMES DERIVED FROM EARLIER SOURCES.

THANKSGIVINGS FROM MODERN BOOKS OF DEVOTION.
XXVII.

MY soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and Holy is his Name. He hath filled the hungry with good things.

O King of Love, thou hast once more in thy mercy, deigned to come unto me. I bless and praise thee with my whole heart. I think once more of all thy love. Thou didst become incarnate for me.

Thou didst live for me on earth, in toil and weariness, in sorrow and in pain. Thou didst suffer agonies untold in bearing my sin, even mine; and thou didst die upon the cross that thou mightest win for me eternal life. And now thou hast given thyself to me, that I may share the power of thy resurrection. Lord, I humbly give myself to thee. Reveal thyself more fully to me, that I may love thee more.

Grant that I may know thee with that knowledge which thou givest to those in whom thou dwellest; so that I may go through my work in the world, living a heavenly life, the life of the faith of the Son of God, the life of Christ who dwelleth in me. Accept my praise, most mighty Prince of Peace. I adore thee meekly, I worship thee with self-abasement. Be thou my guide from day to day and hour to hour, that I may not sin against thy love and goodness. Let me not act unworthily of

the high privilege granted in this wondrous Sacrament.

I am thine, O save me. Forsake me not lest I perish.

Be thou my shepherd, then I shall not want. Thou hast delivered my soul from death; wilt not thou deliver my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living?

XXVIII.

O GOOD Jesus, all thy creatures wonder that thou didst come down into the most pure womb of Mary thy Mother, although nevertheless she was whole and undefiled, and full of every virtue and grace. Ought I not rather to wonder that thou hast willed to turn aside to me, to be received by me, to be holden by me, who am poor, and naked, and miserable, and wretched!

Remember, most merciful Jesus, that it is said of thee in the sacred writings, that all the crowd sought to touch thee, because virtue went out of thee, and healed all. Behold, I have now not only touched thee, but have also received thee into myself: let that divine virtue go out from thee and heal my soul, cure all my sickness, and add fresh health and strength to me, to the end that I may serve thee in righteousness and true holiness all the days of my life.

XXIX.

O FOUNT of everlasting love, how can I forget thee, who hast vouchsafed to remember me, and to give thyself to me? Thou hast had mercy upon

thy servant, far beyond all my hope; and shewn thy grace and kindness beyond all my desert. What reward shall I give unto thee for this thy goodness?

O would that I could serve thee all the days of my life! Would that even for one day, I could render thee sufficient and worthy service! For of a truth thou art worthy of all service, all honour and never-ending praise. Of a truth thou art my Lord, and I thy poor and humble servant, that am bound with all my strength to serve thee, and never ought I to be weary of thy praises. This is my will, this is my desire, and whatsoever is wanting in me, do thou vouchsafe to supply.

XXX.

I OFFER up also unto thee my prayers, and the Sacrifice of Propitiation for them in particular, who have in anything wronged, grieved, or slandered me, or have wrought any loss or displeasure upon me; for those, likewise, whom I have at any time grieved, troubled, injured, or scandalized, by words or deeds, knowingly or unknowingly; that it may please thee to forgive us all our sins and offences, one against another.

Take away, O Lord, from our hearts all suspicion, indignation, wrath, and contention, and whatsoever can hurt charity, and lessen brotherly love. Have mercy, have mercy, O Lord; give thy mercy to them that beg, grace to them that stand in need, and make us so to live, that we may be worthy to enjoy thy grace, and to go forward unto life everlasting. Amen.

XXXI.

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word; for now hast thou fed me with thy Body and thy Blood.

For this thine infinite goodness I render thee hearty thanks; but do not thou, O my God, I pray thee go far from me. Look upon me, and help me; for evil thoughts rise up against me day by day, and many temptations make war against me.

Grant that I may pass through them uninjured; grant that I may break through them unharmed. Fight thou, O Lord, on my side, and drive far from me all assaults of the enemy. Command thou the winds and storms of my passions; say to the sea Be still, and to the north wind, Blow not; and there will be a great calm. Bless and sanctify me with thy heavenly blessing. Protect and preserve the soul of thy servant amid the many dangers of this life; and thy grace accompanying me, guide me by the way of peace to the country of eternal brightness.

XXXII.

O MOST kind and gracious Lord, what great thanksgiving is due to thee for the receiving of thy sacred Body, whose worthiness there is no man found that can set it forth. Thanks be to thee, O eternal Shepherd, who hast vouchsafed to refresh me, a poor exile, with thy precious Body and Blood. What shall I give thee in return, O Lord, for such grace, for such exceeding love?

There is nothing else more grateful which I can give thee than my heart, O my God, and to join my very inmost self to thee.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to abide with me: I freely will to be with thee. This is my desire, for my heart to be united to thee.

XXXIII.

O MOST loving Lord Jesus, I beseech thee by the pouring forth of thy most sacred Blood, grant that I may die to the whole world, with all my sins, offences, and evil desires, and by the greatness of thy love may I cease from myself, and live to thee only, and in thee alone. Amen. O God, be merciful to me a sinner; take away from me whatever is displeasing in me, pour into me whatever is pleasing to thee, turn me wholly to thy praise and glory, and thy well-pleasing, O Jesus, my Lord and my God. Amen.

XXXIV.

BY this prevailing Sacrament, O merciful Father, sanctify thy Church; take from it all offences and schisms and let them be one fold and one Shepherd. By it pour out thy mercy upon the nations which have not known thee, and enlighten their hearts, that they may know and love thee. By it disperse the councils of the wicked, lest they plot and work anything against thy kingdom, and the propagation of thy glory. Grant to our Primate, our Bishops, and Priests thy divine love, that they may rightly discharge their duties: to kings, princes, and all magistrates, wisdom, that they may faithfully administer justice, and follow after peace; and to thy people grant thy heavenly blessing. To the sick and dying give true contrition, and thy love; to my enemies give thy charity and sweetness; to my friends, benefactors,

and relations, thy love: and direct us and all that belong to us, that thy worship and service may at all times and in all places flourish and continue. To the departed, especially those, who most are in need of our suffrages, or to whom I am bound, grant everlasting rest, and so at last a blessed enjoyment of thee.

XXXV.

BEHOLD, O God, my protector, and look upon the face of thy Christ. For lo, thy Son hath so communicated himself to me that I am in him, and he is in me; lo, he hath made himself one with me, and I am become one with him. Therefore him do I offer unto thee, O most loving Father, as sweet incense, on account of his exceeding glory and honour, in thanksgiving for all thy benefits; in remission of my sins, and the sins of the whole world; to obtain for myself, and all for whom I have prayed and am bound to pray, every succour for temporal and eternal life; and for the souls of the faithful departed. Receive, O Lord, together with this most sacred Oblation, my soul and body, my strength and affection, that I may be a continual burnt-offering unto thy Majesty, ever burning; mercifully grant that henceforth I may keep neither my members, nor senses, nor powers, nor my life, save to love and serve thee. Amen.

XXXVI.

GRANT me, I beseech thee, O Almighty and merciful God, fervently to desire, wisely to search out, truthfully to know, and perfectly to fulfil, all that is pleasing to thee.

Order my state to the praise and glory of thy Name; and what thou requirest me to do, grant me the knowledge, the desire, and the power, and so to fulfil as I ought all that is expedient for the health of my soul.

Let my path to thee, I pray, be safe, straightforward and perfect unto the end, not failing either amid adversity or prosperity; that I be not depressed on one side, nor elated on the other. In prosperity let me give thanks to thee, in adversity keep patience; neither rejoicing or grieving in aught, save what shall advance me to thee, or shall take me from thee.

Grant me to do all in love, and to regard as dead all that belongs not to thy service. Let all that is transitory be worthless in mine eyes because of thee, and all that is thine dear to me, and thou, O my God, more than all. Let all toil that is for thee be my delight, and all rest irksome that is not in thee.

Grant me, Lord, frequently and fervently to direct my heart to thee, and sadly and with full purpose of amendment to think over my shortcomings.

Give me, sweetest Jesus, a wakeful heart, which no curious imagination may withdraw from thee; give me a stedfast heart, which no unworthy affection may drag down; an unconquered heart, which no tribulation shall weary; a free heart, that no violent delectation shall possess for itself; give me an upright heart, which no sinister intention may draw aside.

Bestow upon me, O my God, understanding to know thee, diligence to seek thee, wisdom to find thee, behaviour that may please thee, perseverance that will peace-

fully and trustfully wait for thee, and faithfulness that may finally embrace thee. Grant me to suffer thy punishments with repentance, to make good use of thy blessings by thy grace in my journey through life, and at length in the heavenly country to attain to the delight of thy joys in glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

XXXVII.

BEHOLD, O Eternal Father, the health-giving sacrifice of the Eucharist is offered. May it be acceptable unto thee, since thy beloved Son is herein set forth before thee. May he now, I beseech thee, perform the office of a mediator and advocate where he sitteth at thy right hand, and maketh intercession for us. Remember all his patience, love, and pity; and vouchsafe to listen unto me who pray unto thee in his Name, that this Sacrifice may be well-pleasing unto thee, to the glory of thy Name, and be profitable to the salvation of all thy faithful servants.

Grant, O Lord, that as I have now been admitted to see thee under the form of Bread and Wine; so, when thou shalt come again in judgment, I may be found worthy, in sure trust and joy, to behold thee in thy glorious majesty, and may enjoy thee for ever, in thy eternal kingdom.

XXXVIII.

LORD I believe, but would believe more firmly. I hope, O Lord, but would hope more sincerely. I love, O Lord, but would love more warmly. I grieve, O Lord, but would grieve more

sorely. I worship thee, my first beginning; I desire thee, my last end; I praise thee, my continual Benefactor; I call upon thee, my gracious Defender.

By thy wisdom, direct me; by thy righteousness, keep me; by thy mercy, comfort me; by thy power, protect me.

I would bewail my past iniquities; and resist my temptations in time to come; let me correct my sinful inclinations; and labour after fitting virtues.

Let me keep in mind, O Jesus, thy precept and example, by loving my enemies, suffering wrong, doing good to those that persecute me, praying for those that falsely speak evil against me.

Let me overcome love of pleasure by self-denial, covetousness by freely giving, heat of temper by gentleness, lukewarmness by piety.

Make me prudent in counsel, stedfast in danger, patient in adversity, humble in prosperity.

Grant me, O Lord, to be fixed and attentive in prayer, temperate in food, diligent in duty, firm in purpose and resolve. Let me be careful to keep inward holiness, outward modesty, exemplary conversation, and a well ordered life.

Let me follow after holiness by sincere confession of sin, by devout communion of the Body and Blood of Christ, by continual recollection of mind, and pure intention of heart.

Let me learn from thee, O God, how slight and little is all that is earthly, how great and real all that is heavenly, how short are all things temporal, how lasting all that are eternal.

XXXIX.

I THANK thee, O Lord, for the love thou hast shewn me once again in admitting me to be a partaker of these holy Mysteries; and I pray thee to forgive whatsoever thou hast seen amiss in my service (to-day), that this Holy Communion be not for my condemnation at the last great day.

And now, O Lord, I beseech thee, leave me not but abide with me forever. Abide with me in weakness, for thou art my strength; in penitence, for thou art my peace; in the bearing of the cross, for thou didst hang thereon.

Be thou to me more than my soul desireth, do for me more than I can ask.

But chiefly, O Lord, give me a pure heart, obedient and contented, a devotion untiring in its zeal, a will entirely resigned unto thine own.

O thou who art able to keep me from falling, and to present me faultless in the presence of thy glory with exceeding joy, have mercy; and in all the trials of my life on earth, in the hour of death and in the day of judgment, good Lord, deliver me. Amen.

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I will go forth in the strength of the Lord God, and will make mention of thy righteousness only. I will sing of the Lord because he has dealt so lovingly with me; yea, I will praise the name of the Lord most highest. Alleluia.

XL.

THOU art my Creator and the Fashioner of my heart; create then, I pray thee, a clean heart in me, and renew a right spirit within me. Thou art

my King and my Lord; do thou possess me, and make me to possess none else beside thee. Thou art my Teacher and my Master; teach me all spiritual goodness, learning, and knowledge. Thou art my Advocate with God the Father; grant that he may put away his anger from me. Thou art he, who shall come to judge the quick and the dead; enter not therefore into judgment with thy servant. Thou art my Guide and Protector; place me near thee, and then let the hand of whomsoever thou wilt, fight against me. Thou wast made a Victim for me; trusting in the Lord, I shall not be made weak. Thou art my Saviour and Redeemer; complete thy work in me, O Lord, that thy labour be not in vain. Thou art the Portion of my inheritance, and my Portion in the land of the living; restore to me my heritage. Thou art my Glory, my Crown, and my exceeding great Reward; admit me, O Lord, to those good things, which thou hast prepared for them that love thee, and pour into my heart thy grace, that I may be able to love thee perfectly, to praise thee devotedly, to serve thee faithfully, to yield thee humble and hearty thanks and to make my boast in thee now and for evermore. Amen.

XLI.

O GRACIOUS Lord Jesus, who hast deigned to make this habitation of my soul, unworthy as it is, thine own; deign, O Lord, moreover to make therein thy perpetual indwelling. Make me a man after thine own heart; unite me closely to thee; and transform and change me wholly into thyself. Save me, O Jesus Christ, by thy most precious passion, and drive far

from me all the malice of the adversary. I pray thee also, that thou wilt deign to grant to me and to others both living and departed, whom I desire to remember, all the gifts and graces which I can obtain in virtue of this holy Sacrifice, Oblation and Satisfaction.

XLII.

GRANT, O Lord God my Saviour, that with the frequency in receiving this divine Mystery, my holiness may be increased, and that my soul may be saved, which thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood. Deal thou with me after thy goodness, and not according to my wickedness and iniquity. Look upon my good works, how few and imperfect they are, and amend and sanctify them; count them to be done in grateful thanksgiving for thy mercy; make them acceptable to thyself, and ever make them more and more perfect; and bring me, a slothful and unprofitable servant, to a good and blessed end.

XLIII.

I THANK thee, O Lord my God, that thou hast enabled me, though unworthy, to receive thy pure and heavenly gifts. I thank thee that thou hast made thyself known to me and hast drawn me close to thyself in this blessed Sacrament. O grant that I may hear thy sweet voice in my heart speaking to me by thy holy, life-giving Spirit, the minister of thy presence, who unites me with thyself, to seal me, unto the day of thy last redemption with thine own image and likeness. Lord most merciful, I beseech thee that I may not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, but,

yielding to all his grace, may know, love, and follow all thy will, and showing forth my thanks and praise in my life by giving up myself to thy service, may attain to serve and praise thee where thou livest and reignest with the Father, and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

XLIV. AFTER COMMUNION AT A REQUIEM. i.

I GIVE thanks to thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, that thou hast vouchsafed to admit me to the receiving of this great Sacrament, so many times hitherto, and even now again to-day, solely of thy grace and mercy; and I beg of thee by that love, with which thou hast vouchsafed to leave thyself to us in this Sacrament truly and substantially, that thou wouldst of thy clemency pardon, supply, and cover all my defect of preparation, purity of intention, reverence and devotion, fervour and love, and all my negligences and faults which I have committed in receiving this most worthy Sacrament; so that its fruit may in no way be hindered by my neglect and unfitness, neither may it happen to me, that after I have tasted the sweetness of thy table, I should again drive thee from me, as hitherto, alas, I have often done; but all my past sins being washed away by the virtue of thy passion, I may be made more careful and fearful for the future, and become more fervent and earnest in thy love and service.

I beseech thee further, O Lord Jesus, that it may please thee to apply to me, and to all for whom I pray, all and each of the fruits of this great Sacrament, and to work effectually in me; so that I may dwell in

thee, and thou in me, and being cleansed from all defilement of flesh and sin, I may be made powerful to resist all the enemies of my salvation; and would that I desired in my heart to suffer death, rather than offend thee again. Give back to me, O bountiful Jesus, whatever I have lost and destroyed by my sins, increase thy grace within me; kindle me with thy love, and with zeal for thine honour and righteousness' sake; unite me to thee by the inseparable bond of thy love; abundantly work in me all those other and infinite fruits of the Sacrament, mercifully hear all my prayers, to the glory of thy Name, for the sake of the souls for whom I intercede, and my own and their eternal salvation. Amen.

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them. Rev. xiv. 13.

XLIV. ii.

BE mindful, O Lord, of those who sleep in the hope of the resurrection unto eternal life, specially the soul of N . . . . and the souls of my parents, relations, friends, benefactors, and acquaintance; besides all, whosoever have died in faith and piety. Pardon them every fault, whether voluntary or not voluntary, that they have committed either in thought, word, or deed. Vouchsafe to them a tabernacle of rest and consolation in the realm of light, where all sorrow and sighing and tears flee away; where the vision of thy countenance maketh all thy saints glad for ever. Grant them, O Lord, thy kingdom, a share in thine everlasting goods,

and the fruition of an endlessly blessed life. For thou art the life, the resurrection, and the refreshment of thy servants that sleep, O Christ our God, who with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

XLV. FOR A MAN DECEASED.

LET the pitifulness of thy great goodness, O Lord, which we have entreated in behalf of thy servant N . . . be profitable unto him: that he may by thy mercy obtain the everlasting fellowship of him in whom he ever trusted and believed. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

XLVI. FOR A WOMAN DECEASED.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, that the soul of thine handmaid N . . . may enter into the fellowship of eternal light, for while she abode in the light of this life, she received the Sacrament of thy mercy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

XLVII. FOR MANY DECEASED PERSONS.

MERCIFULLY assist, O Lord, the souls of thy servants, for whom we offer this Sacrifice to thee; that if any spots or earthly stains still cleave unto them, they may be wholly blotted out by thy gracious pardon. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

XLVIII.

O LORD Jesus Christ, I bless and praise thee for all thine infinite love, and especially because thou hast given thyself to me in this blessed Sacrament.

Abide with me, I pray, henceforth for ever. Grant that I may not, through busy thoughts and manifold occupations, forget that thou hast come to me. Grant that I may keep ever in my heart the thought of thy precious presence, and may use diligently the grace which thou hast given me.

Grant that I may not defile the temple wherein thou dost abide with vain and unholy thoughts. Enable me to check every careless word, and restrain every wrong action; and grant that hereafter I may be counted worthy through thy merits to see thee face to face, and dwell with thee in thy kingdom in glory. Amen.

XLIX.

O MOST loving Saviour, who hast (this day) given me thyself in the blessed Sacrament of thy Body and Blood, to be the food, and sweet refreshment of my soul, show forth thyself, I pray thee, in my life. By thine indwelling, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, sanctify all my thoughts, purify all my desires, and help me to resist temptation, and to grow daily and hourly more and more like thee. Grant, I entreat, that I may not separate myself from thee by sin.

Make thine abode in my heart, and keep me ever near to thee. For thy mercy's sake. Amen.

L.

ACCEPT my heartfelt praises, O merciful Lord Jesus Christ, for all thy goodness and loving kindness bestowed upon me through my whole life, and especially for having given me (this day) the spiritual food of thy most blessed

Body and Blood. Forgive me all the imperfections of the service which I have rendered to thee. Accept whatever has been pleasing to thee, and pardon all that has displeased thee. Let thy love and mercy supply whatever has been wanting in my devotion, and answer my prayers in the way which thou seest to be best.

How can I praise thee worthily? Accept my feeble thanksgiving, and grant that I may show forth thy praise, not only with my lips, but in my life.

Grant that I may not cast away thy mercy. Keep me, who have received thee, free from sin and defilement. Let this holy Sacrament be to me a cleansing from all guilt, and a source of strength against temptation. Grant that I may be unselfish and humble, patient under suffering and under annoyance, careful in speech, temperate and self-denying in all things. And I beseech thee, give me purity of heart, so that I may at length see thee my Lord and Saviour, no longer under a veil, but face to face in thy heavenly kingdom in glory.

I pray for all who have this day received thee. Grant that all who have partaken of this holy Sacrament with faith, may receive the benefits which thou desirest to convey in it, and pardon all who have received thee without due preparation of heart.

Lord, thou hast been very gracious unto me. I will give thanks unto thee with my whole heart.

LI.

O MOST merciful God, who hast so lately permitted me to receive the blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ, give me, I beseech thee, a spirit of thankfulness and praise.

I pray for strength to resist temptation, and to think, and speak, and act in all ways as becomes one who has been so greatly privileged. Grant that my life may bear witness that I have been with Jesus. Help me to conquer the sins to which I am most prone, and to acquire, and grow in the Christian graces in which I am most wanting, and grant, that being strengthened by this sacred Food, I may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that if thou, in thy mercy, permit me to be present at another Eucharist, I may be better prepared to receive so great and holy a Mystery to thy honour and glory, and to my help and refreshment. I beg this for the sake of the same thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

LII.

LORD Jesus Christ, who camest to seek and to save that which was lost, and who in this wonderful Sacrament renewest our life in thee, grant to me, I beseech thee, through the power of thy Holy Spirit, the special graces which I need.

My sins are many and grievous and thou, O Lord, knowest them all. Thou seest me more truly than I see myself. Help me against the sins which I know not, as well as those which I know. Lord help me, for my trust is in thy strength alone.

Grant me to be careful in avoiding temptations, and diligent in striving against all evil thoughts, and passions and desires. Give me such courage, and zeal, and holy fear that I may henceforth be more stedfast in the conflict against sin, and at last may overcome.

And I beseech thee, O Holy Saviour, for grace to acquire the Christian virtues which I need. Give me faith and love and hope, kindness and meekness, humility and self-denial, and all thine other gifts which are well pleasing to thee.

Protect me from all things which check my growth in holiness. Grant that I may never wilfully interpose any hindrance to thy gracious working in my soul, but may yield myself unreservedly to all that thou wouldst accomplish in me; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

LIII.

MOST gracious Lord Jesus Christ, who lovest me, and gavest thyself up for me upon the cross, and in this wonderful Sacrament dost give thyself to me; I desire, sinful and unworthy though I am, to make in return the offering which thou willest to receive at my hands. Lord, thou knowest my selfishness and worldliness, the weakness of my faith, and the coldness of my love, and all my proneness to evil. Without thy grace my highest aspirations will be fruitless, my best intentions must fail. Yet Lord, I humbly desire to give myself to thee. Strengthen me therefore by thy Holy Spirit, and by the power of my sacramental union with thee, that I may be enabled to live henceforth, not to

myself, but to thy glory; striving in every thought, and word, and deed to do thy will; bearing patiently all needful discipline and sorrow, as thou didst bear the cross for me; and yielding myself wholly to thy perfect service so that in body, and soul, and spirit, I may be thine, who art my Lord, and only Saviour. Amen.

LIV.

O LORD, whom have I in heaven but thee? And there is none upon earth that I desire in comparison of thee. My flesh and my heart faileth, but thou art the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

Refresh, O Lord, my hungry soul. Warm my coldness with the fire of thy love.

Enlighten my blindness with the brightness of thy presence.

Lift up my heart to thee in heaven, O Lord, and suffer it not any longer to be tied down to earth.

Grant, O Lord, that the virtues of this holy Sacrament may penetrate my inmost soul, and cause it to mortify and root out all sin and wickedness that is therein.

LV.

POUR down upon me, O merciful Jesus, the rays of thy love, that they may burn up and consume whatever is earthly in me; that the old man within me may be destroyed, and that henceforth I may not serve sin.

LVI.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who hast (this day) refreshed me with the spiritual food of thy most precious Body and Blood, mercifully forgive the unworthiness of my service.

I know and confess how grievously wanting I have been in due preparation, in reverence, humility, and love, in approaching thy holy Sacrament. But look upon me, I pray thee, with the eye of thy mercy, and from thy surpassing merits supply my lack of service towards thee. Thy mercy is greater than my iniquity, thy pity is greater than my impiety. Thou canst forgive more than I can commit, and spare more than I, a sinner, can sin. Let my sins and shortcomings be swallowed up in the depth of thy mercy.

Wash me with thy tears which thou didst shed for me, anoint me with the myrrh of thy sufferings, bind me with thy bonds, cleanse me with thy blood, raise me by thy cross, and revive me by thy death.

Let thy love possess me, and drive from my heart the love of all that is contrary to thee.

Suffer me not to depart from thee without thy blessing, but work in me thy wonders, as thou dost work in thy saints, that in the strength of this meat I may journey, until at length I reach the mount of God. Amen.

LVII.

O BLESSED Lord, who hast now vouchsafed to come under my roof, I most humbly beseech thee, leave me not, but abide with me forever.

Abide with me, Lord, in all I say, think, do, fear, hope and enjoy. I fear my own unstedfastness,—abide with me, Lord, for in thee there is no change. I often despond and fear I shall fall; abide with me, Lord, and make me to feel thy nearness. Be thou my refreshment in weariness; my comfort

in trouble; my refuge in temptation; in death my life; in judgment my redeemer. Abide with me always, that I may abide in thee, O good Jesus, thou God of my salvation.

LVIII.

O BLESSED Saviour, I have (this day) received thee into my soul, leave me not, lest, losing thee, I die. O Lord forsake not thou thine own.

Thou hast fed me with that bread which came down from heaven, of which he that eateth shall never die; thou hast given me to drink of that precious blood, shed for the remission of sins, which maketh our peace with God.

Oh stablish the thing that thou hast wrought in me!

Let me from henceforth walk worthy of the vocation with which I am called, that I grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, nor cause thee to depart from me, by whose sacramental indwelling I am sanctified and by whose life I live. Forgive, O my Saviour, the unworthiness which thou hast seen in this my Communion, and for thy tender mercies' sake impute it not to me for sin. And now, Lord, abide in me that I may abide in thee, as thou art in the Father and the Father is in thee, that I may be one with thee and with the Father, according to thy will.

For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate me from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

LIX.

O MOST gracious God, I desire with all my heart to serve thee henceforth in holiness and righteousness all the days of my life.

O that my ways were made so direct that I might keep thy statutes! Look, I pray thee, on my infirmity with the eyes of thy mercy, for without thee I can do nothing good, but of thee is all our sufficiency. Make thou me therefore to go in the paths of thy commandments, for therein is my desire. Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law. Try me, O God, and seek the ground of my heart; prove me and examine my thoughts. Look well if there be any way of wickedness in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.

LX.

GRANT, O good Jesus, by all thy mercies, that I may ever honour this awful Mystery and wondrous Gift of thy love with due faith, reverence and gratitude; and may I give diligence also to adorn the station to which thou hast been pleased to call me, with charity, purity, humility, gentleness, patience, and sobriety, and with all such behaviour as is pleasing to thee, and becometh a faithful servant of thine.

And all this, that my service may be more pleasing to thee, to thy greater glory, the good of thy Church, and my own and my neighbour's salvation. Amen.

LXI.

O LORD Jesus Christ, to thee I desire to consecrate all my thoughts, desires, affections, and my whole life. I have offended thee enough, O dear Lord,

in my past life: I would spend the time which remains to me in loving thee as fervently as I can. Accept, O God of mercy, the Sacrifice which is offered thee by this miserable sinner, who desires nothing but to love and please thee forever. Work in me, and dispose of me, and of all things which belong to me, as is most pleasing to thyself.

Let thy love destroy whatever is contrary to thy will, that I may become all thine, and live henceforth only to thy service. I ask of thee, by the merits of thy passion and death, a continual sorrow for my sins. Give me thy light, that I may discover the vanity of earthly things, that so I may desire only what thou wilt give me.

Give me patience and resignation in all my afflictions, and in whatever opposes itself to my self-love. Give me humility and fervent charity. And above all things I pray thee to grant me perseverance in thy grace unto my life's end, that so I may never be separated from thee. O good Jesus, let me never leave thee. Amen.

LXII.

ABIDE in me, O most merciful Jesus: be thou the continual defence and health of my soul and body. Drive away from me mine enemies which lay wait for me: let them depart far hence from the presence of thy power; that being defended both within and without by thee, I may come by a straight way to thy kingdom. Amen.

Suffer not, I beseech thee, O Lord, that soul to perish, which so often receives into itself thy Son, who, sent by thee, came into the world to seek and to save that

which was lost. Grant this to me, through thine infinite mercy. Amen.

LXIII. BENEDICTION.

MAY the Holy Spirit, who, of old, came down upon the apostles in tongues of fire, purge our hearts from all sins; as they were taught the language of all nations, so may we be taught the spiritual language, and possess all fulness of divine love; and may he, who was to the apostles the Teacher of heavenly doctrine, be to us the Pardoner of all sins: may he grant and further this, who with the Father and the Son, one God, liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. Amen.

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PT. III. THANKSGIVINGS AFTER HOLY COMMUNION: PSALMS WHICH MAY BE USED AS ACTS OF THANKSGIVING.

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PSALM XXIII. Dominus regit me.

THE LORD is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.

2 He shall feed me in a green pasture: and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

3 He shall convert my soul: and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

5 Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me: thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

6 But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

PSALM XXXIV. Benedicam Dominum.

I WILL alway give thanks unto the LORD: his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

3 O praise the LORD with me: and let us
magnify his Name together.
4 I sought the LORD, and he heard me:
yea, he delivered me out of all my fear.
5 They had an eye unto him, and were
lightened: and their faces were not
ashamed.
6 Lo, the poor crieth, and the LORD hear-
eth him: yea, and saveth him out of all his
troubles.
7 The angel of the LORD tarrieth round
about them that fear him: and delivereth
them.
8 O taste, and see, how gracious the LORD
is: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.
9 O fear the LORD, ye that are his saints:
for they that fear him lack nothing.
10 The lions do lack, and suffer hunger:
but they who seek the LORD shall want no
manner of thing that is good.
11 Come, ye children, and hearken unto
me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
12 What man is he that lusteth to live:
and would fain see good days?
13 Keep thy tongue from evil: and thy
lips, that they speak no guile.
14 Eschew evil, and do good: seek peace,
and ensue it.
15 The eyes of the LORD are over the right-
eous: and his ears are open unto their
prayers.
16 The countenance of the LORD is against
them that do evil: to root out the remem-
brance of them from the earth.
17 The righteous cry, and the LORD hear-
eth them: and delivereth them out of all
their troubles.
18 The LORD is nigh unto them that are

of a contrite heart: and will save such as be of an humble spirit.
19 Great are the troubles of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of all.
20 He keepeth all his bones: so that not one of them is broken.
21 But misfortune shall slay the ungodly: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.
22 The LORD delivereth the souls of his servants: and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

PSALM LXVI. Jubilate Deo.

O BE joyful in God, all ye lands: sing praises unto the honour of his Name; make his praise to be glorious.
2 Say unto God, O how wonderful art thou in thy works: through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies be found liars unto thee.
3 For all the world shall worship thee: sing of thee, and praise thy Name.
4 O come hither, and behold the works of God: how wonderful he is in his doing toward the children of men.
5 He turned the sea into dry land: so that they went through the water on foot; there did we rejoice thereof.
6 He ruleth with his power for ever; his eyes behold the people: and such as will not believe shall not be able to exalt themselves.
7 O praise our God, ye people: and make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holdeth our soul in life: and suffereth not our feet to slip.
9 For thou, O God, hast proved us: thou also hast tried us, like as silver is tried.
10 Thou broughtest us into the snare: and laidest trouble upon our loins.
11 Thou sufferedst men to ride over our heads: we went through fire and water, and thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.
12 I will go into thine house with burnt-offerings: and will pay thee my vows, which I promised with my lips, and spake with my mouth, when I was in trouble.
13 I will offer unto thee fat burnt-sacrifices, with the incense of rams: I will offer bullocks and goats.
14 O come hither, and hearken, all ye that fear God: and I will tell you what he hath done for my soul.
15 I called unto him with my mouth: and gave him praises with my tongue.
16 If I incline unto wickedness with mine heart: the Lord will not hear me.
17 But God hath heard me: and considered the voice of my prayer.
18 Praised be God, who hath not cast out my prayer: nor turned his mercy from me.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

PSALM LXXXI. Exultate Deo.

SING we merrily unto God our strength: make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.
2 Take the psalm, bring hither the tabret: the merry harp with the lute.
3 Blow up the trumpet in the new moon;

even in the time appointed, and upon our
solemn feast-day.
4 For this was made a statute for Israel:
and a law of the God of Jacob.
5 This he ordained in Joseph for a testi-
mony: when he came out of the land of
Egypt, and had heard a strange lan-
guage.
6 I eased his shoulder from the burden:
and his hands were delivered from making
the pots.
7 Thou calledst upon me in troubles, and
I delivered thee: and heard thee what time
as the storm fell upon thee.
8 I proved thee also: at the waters of
strife.
9 Hear, O my people, and I will assure
thee, O Israel: if thou wilt hearken unto
me,
10 There shall no strange god be in thee:
neither shalt thou worship any other god.
11 I am the LORD thy God, who brought
thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy
mouth wide, and I shall fill it.
12 But my people would not hear my
voice: and Israel would not obey me;
13 So I gave them up unto their own
hearts' lusts: and let them follow their
own imaginations.
14 O that my people would have hark-
ened unto me: for if Israel had walked in
my ways,
15 I should soon have put down their en-
emies: and turned my hand against their
adversaries.
16 The haters of the LORD should have
been found liars: but their time should
have endured for ever.
17 He should have fed them also with the

finest wheat-flour: and with honey out of the stony rock should I have satisfied thee.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

PSALM XCI. Qui habitat.

WHOSO dwelleth under the defence of the Most High: shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
2 I will say unto the LORD, Thou art my hope, and my stronghold: my God, in him will I trust.
3 For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter: and from the noisome pestilence.
4 He shall defend thee under his wings, and thou shalt be safe under his feathers: his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.
5 Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night: nor for the arrow that flieth by day;
6 For the pestilence that walketh in darkness: nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noon-day.
7 A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand at thy right hand: but it shall not come nigh thee.
8 Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou behold: and see the reward of the ungodly.
9 For thou, LORD, art my hope: thou hast set thine house of defence very high.
10 There shall no evil happen unto thee: neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.
11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee: to keep thee in all thy ways.

12 They shall bear thee in their hands: that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.
13 Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet.
14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him up, because he hath known my Name.
15 He shall call upon me, and I will hear him: yea, I am with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and bring him to honour.
16 With long life will I satisfy him: and show him my salvation.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

PSALM XCVI. Cantate Domino.

O SING unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the whole earth.
2 Sing unto the LORD, and praise his Name: be telling of his salvation from day to day.
3 Declare his honour unto the heathen: and his wonders unto all people.
4 For the LORD is great, and cannot worthily be praised: he is more to be feared than all gods.
5 As for all the gods of the heathen, they are but idols: but it is the LORD that made the heavens.
6 Glory and worship are before him: power and honour are in his sanctuary.
7 Ascribe unto the LORD, O ye kindreds of the people: ascribe unto the LORD worship and power.
8 Ascribe unto the LORD the honour due

unto his Name: bring presents, and come into his courts.
9 O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
10 Tell it out among the heathen, that the LORD is King: and that it is he who hath made the round world so fast that it cannot be moved; and how that he shall judge the people righteously.
11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad: let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is.
12 Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the LORD.
13 For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: and with righteousness to judge the world, and the people with his truth.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

PSALM XCVIII. Cantate Domino.

O SING unto the LORD a new song: for he hath done marvellous things.
2 With his own right hand, and with his holy arm: hath he gotten himself the victory.
3 The LORD declared his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight of the heathen.
4 He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel: and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.
5 Show yourselves joyful unto the LORD, all ye lands: sing, rejoice, and give thanks.

6 Praise the LORD upon the harp: sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.
7 With trumpets also and shawms: O show yourselves joyful before the LORD, the King.
8 Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is: the round world, and they that dwell therein.
9 Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the LORD: for he is come to judge the earth.
10 With righteousness shall he judge the world: and the people with equity.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

PSALM CIII. Benedic, anima mea.

PRAISE the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, praise his holy Name.
2 Praise the LORD, O my soul: and forget not all his benefits:
3 Who forgiveth all thy sin: and healeth all thine infirmities;
4 Who saveth thy life from destruction: and crowneth thee with mercy and lovingkindness;
5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things: making thee young and lusty as an eagle.

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20 O praise the LORD, ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength: ye that fulfil his commandment, and hearken unto the voice of his words.
21 O praise the LORD, all ye his hosts: ye servants of his that do his pleasure.

22 O speak good of the LORD, all ye works of his, in all places of his dominion: praise thou the LORD, O my soul.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

PSALM CXI. Confitebor tibi.

I WILL give thanks unto the LORD with my whole heart: secretly among the faithful, and in the congregation.
2 The works of the LORD are great: sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.
3 His work is worthy to be praised and had in honour: and his righteousness endureth for ever.
4 The merciful and gracious LORD hath so done his marvellous works: that they ought to be had in remembrance.
5 He hath given meat unto them that fear him: he shall ever be mindful of his covenant.
6 He hath showed his people the power of his works: that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.
7 The works of his hands are verity and judgment: all his commandments are true.
8 They stand fast for ever and ever: and are done in truth and equity.
9 He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever; holy and reverend is his Name.
10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do thereafter; the praise of it endureth for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

PSALM CXIII. Laudate, pueri.

PRAISE the LORD, ye servants: O praise the Name of the LORD.
2 Blessed be the Name of the LORD: from this time forth for evermore.
3 The LORD's Name is praised: from the rising up of the sun unto the going down of the same.
4 The LORD is high above all heathen: and his glory above the heavens.
5 Who is like unto the LORD our God, that hath his dwelling so high: and yet humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven and earth!
6 He taketh up the simple out of the dust: and lifteth the poor out of the mire;
7 That he may set him with the princes: even with the princes of his people.
8 He maketh the barren woman to keep house: and to be a joyful mother of children.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

PSALM CXVII. Laudate Dominum.

O PRAISE the LORD, all ye heathen: praise him, all ye nations.
2 For his merciful kindness is ever more and more toward us: and the truth of the LORD endureth for ever. Praise the LORD.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

PSALM CXVIII. Confitemini Domino.

O GIVE thanks unto the LORD, for he is gracious: because his mercy endureth for ever.
2 Let Israel now confess that he is gracious: and that his mercy endureth for ever.
3 Let the house of Aaron now confess: that his mercy endureth for ever.
4 Yea, let them now that fear the LORD confess: that his mercy endureth for ever.
5 I called upon the LORD in trouble: and the LORD heard me at large.
6 The LORD is on my side: I will not fear what man doeth unto me.
7 The LORD taketh my part with them that help me: therefore shall I see my desire upon mine enemies.
8 It is better to trust in the LORD: than to put any confidence in man.
9 It is better to trust in the LORD: than to put any confidence in princes.
10 All nations compassed me round about: but in the Name of the LORD will I destroy them.
11 They kept me in on every side, they kept me in, I say, on every side: but in the Name of the LORD will I destroy them.
12 They came about me like bees, and are extinct even as the fire among the thorns: for in the Name of the LORD I will destroy them.
13 Thou hast thrust sore at me, that I might fall: but the LORD was my help.
14 The LORD is my strength, and my song: and is become my salvation.
15 The voice of joy and health is in the dwellings of the righteous: the right hand of the LORD bringeth mighty things to pass.

16 The right hand of the LORD hath the pre-eminence: the right hand of the LORD bringeth mighty things to pass.
17 I shall not die, but live: and declare the works of the LORD.
18 The LORD hath chastened and corrected me: but he hath not given me over unto death.
19 Open me the gates of righteousness: that I may go into them, and give thanks unto the LORD.
20 This is the gate of the LORD: the righteous shall enter into it.
21 I will thank thee, for thou hast heard me: and art become my salvation.
22 The same stone which the builders refused: is become the head-stone in the corner.
23 This is the LORD's doing: and it is marvellous in our eyes.
24 This is the day which the LORD hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it.
25 Help me now, O LORD: O LORD, send us now prosperity.
26 Blessed be he that cometh in the Name of the LORD: we have wished you good luck, ye that are of the house of the LORD.
27 God is the LORD, who hath showed us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, yea, even unto the horns of the altar.
28 Thou art my God, and I will thank thee: thou art my God, and I will praise thee.
29 O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is gracious: and his mercy endureth for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

PSALM CXXI. Levavi oculos.

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills: from whence cometh my help.
2 My help cometh even from the LORD: who hath made heaven and earth.
3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel: shall neither slumber nor sleep.
5 The LORD himself is thy keeper: the LORD is thy defence upon thy right hand;
6 So that the sun shall not burn thee by day: neither the moon by night.
7 The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
8 The LORD shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in: from this time forth for evermore.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

PSALM CXXVI. In convertendo.

WHEN the LORD turned again the captivity of Sion: then were we like unto them that dream.
2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter: and our tongue with joy.
3 Then said they among the heathen: The LORD hath done great things for them.
4 Yea, the LORD hath done great things for us already: whereof we rejoice.
5 Turn our captivity, O LORD: as the rivers in the south.
6 They that sow in tears: shall reap in joy.

7 He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth good seed: shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

PSALM CXXXIV. Ecce nunc.

BEHOLD now, praise the LORD: all ye servants of the LORD;
2 Ye that by night stand in the house of the LORD: even in the courts of the house of our God.
3 Lift up your hands in the sanctuary: and praise the LORD.
4 The LORD that made heaven and earth: give thee blessing out of Sion.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

PSALM CXXXVIII. Confitebor tibi.

I WILL give thanks unto thee, O Lord, with my whole heart: even before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.
2 I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy Name, because of thy loving-kindness and truth: for thou hast magnified thy Name, and thy word, above all things.
3 When I called upon thee, thou heardest me: and enduedst my soul with much strength.
4 All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O LORD: for they have heard the words of thy mouth.

5 Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the LORD: that great is the glory of the LORD.
6 For though the LORD be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: as for the proud, he beholdeth them afar off.
7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shalt thou refresh me: thou shalt stretch forth thy hand upon the furiousness of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.
8 The LORD shall make good his loving-kindness toward me: yea, thy mercy, O LORD, endureth for ever; despise not then the works of thine own hands.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

PSALM CXLV. Exaltabo te, Deus.

I WILL magnify thee, O God, my King: and I will praise thy Name, for ever and ever.
2 Every day will I give thanks unto thee: and praise thy Name for ever and ever.
3 Great is the LORD, and marvellous worthy to be praised: there is no end of his greatness.
4 One generation shall praise thy works unto another: and declare thy power.
5 As for me, I will be talking of thy worship: thy glory, thy praise, and wondrous works;
6 So that men shall speak of the might of thy marvellous acts: and I will also tell of thy greatness.
7 The memorial of thine abundant kindness shall be showed: and men shall sing of thy righteousness.

8 The LORD is gracious and merciful:
long-suffering, and of great goodness.
9 The LORD is loving unto every man: and
his mercy is over all his works.
10 All thy works praise thee, O LORD: and
thy saints give thanks unto thee.
11 They show the glory of thy kingdom:
and talk of thy power;
12 That thy power, thy glory, and might-
iness of thy kingdom: might be known
unto men.
13 Thy kingdom is an everlasting king-
dom: and thy dominion endureth through-
out all ages.
14 The LORD upholdeth all such as fall:
and lifteth up all those that are down.
15 The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord:
and thou givest them their meat in due
season.
16 Thou openest thine hand: and fillest
all things living with plenteousness.
17 The LORD is righteous in all his ways:
and holy in all his works.
18 The LORD is nigh unto all them that
call upon him: yea, all such as call upon
him faithfully.
19 He will fulfil the desire of them that
fear him: he also will hear their cry, and
will help them.
20 The LORD preserveth all them that love
him: but scattereth abroad all the ungod-
ly.
21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the
LORD: and let all flesh give thanks unto
his holy Name for ever and ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and
to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ev-
er shall be: world without end. Amen.

7 O sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving: sing praises upon the harp unto our God:
8 Who covereth the heaven with clouds, and prepareth rain for the earth: and maketh the grass to grow upon the mountains, and herb for the use of men;
9 Who giveth fodder unto the cattle: and feedeth the young ravens that call upon him.
10 He hath no pleasure in the strength of an horse: neither delighteth he in any man's legs.
11 But the LORD's delight is in them that fear him: and put their trust in his mercy.
12 Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem: praise thy God, O Sion.
13 For he hath made fast the bars of thy gates: and hath blessed thy children within thee.
14 He maketh peace in thy borders: and filleth thee with the flour of wheat.
15 He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth: and his word runneth very swiftly.
16 He giveth snow like wool: and scattereth the hoar-frost like ashes.
17 He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who is able to abide his frost?
18 He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: he bloweth with his wind, and the waters flow.
19 He showeth his word unto Jacob: his statutes and ordinances unto Israel.
20 He hath not dealt so with any nation: neither have the heathen knowledge of his laws.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

PSALM CXLVIII. Laudate Dominum.

O PRAISE the LORD of heaven: praise him in the height.
2 Praise him, all ye angels of his: praise him, all his host.
3 Praise him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars and light.
4 Praise him, all ye heavens: and ye waters that are above the heavens.
5 Let them praise the name of the LORD: for he spake the word, and they were made; he commanded, and they were created.
6 He hath made them fast for ever and ever: he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.
7 Praise the LORD upon earth: ye dragons and all deeps;
8 Fire and hail, snow and vapours: wind and storm fulfilling his word;
9 Mountains and all hills: fruitful trees and all cedars;
10 Beasts and all cattle: worms and feathered fowls;
11 Kings of the earth, and all people: princes, and all judges of the world;
12 Young men and maidens, old men and children, praise the Name of the LORD: for his Name only is excellent, and his praise above heaven and earth.
13 He shall exalt the horn of his people; all his saints shall praise him: even the children of Israel, even the people that serveth him.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

PSALM CXLIX. Cantate Domino.

O SING unto the LORD a new song: let the congregation of saints praise him.
2 Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: and let the children of Sion be joyful in their King.
3 Let them praise his Name in the dance: let them sing praises unto him with tabret and harp.
4 For the LORD hath pleasure in his people: and helpeth the meek-hearted.
5 Let the saints be joyful with glory: let them rejoice in their beds.
6 Let the praises of God be in their mouth: and a two-edged sword in their hands;
7 To be avenged of the heathen: and to rebuke the people;
8 To bind their kings in chains: and their nobles with links of iron;
9 That they may be avenged of them, as it is written: Such honour have all his saints.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

PSALM CL. Laudate Dominum.

O PRAISE God in his holiness: praise him in the firmament of his power.
2 Praise him in his noble acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.
3 Praise him in the sound of the trumpet: praise him upon the lute and harp.
4 Praise him in the cymbals and dances: praise him upon the strings and pipe.

5 Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals: praise him upon the loud cymbals.
6 Let everything that hath breath: praise the LORD.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

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